Specific report from the Government of Uttar Pradesh is being ascertained on the utilisation of funds in the Districts of Purvanchal in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

[English]

Height of Narmada Dam

1353. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government realise that the reduction of Narmada Dam Height would affect irrigation in Gujarat substantially and there would be no irrigation at all in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Government also aware that all the four participants States; Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan and the country as a whole, would suffer heavily if the height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam was reduced from 455 feet to 436 feet;

(c) whether it is a fact that there would also be a shortfall in energy share of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) In the event of lowering the planned full reservoir level of Sardar Sarovar Dam from 455 feet to 436 feet, the loss of live storage capacity is estimated to be around 1.5 million acre feet and the loss of power generation would be about 15% i.e. 225 Mega Watt. Thus, the reduction in planned height of Sardar Sarovar Dam would affect the irrigation and power benefits. However, it is not true that there would be no irrigation at all in Rajasthan.

(d) Height of Sardar Sarovar Dam has been determined by Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT) under its Award and the validity period of the Award is upto 2024 A.D. (45 years after Gazette Notification in 1979).

U.G.C. Project in U.P.

1354. SHRI SOHAN BEER :
PROF. OMPAL SINGH NIDAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Projects of University Grants Commission implemented in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and the details of the progress made so far in this regard;

(b) the details of the proposals sent by the Government of Uttar Pradesh to the University Grants Commission for its consideration; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Deficiency in Health Care

1355. SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Authorities Admit Deficiency in Health Care" appearing in 'Hindu' dated January 13, 1997;

(b) if so, whether there are many deficiencies in the health care system of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to take concrete steps to remove these deficiencies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (e) The newspaper item has been noted. At the Fifth Conference of Central Council of Health & Family Welfare held from 8-10th January, 1997, a wide range of issues covering the entire health sector came up for discussion. The Council noted both achievements and shortfalls in the implementation of various health and family welfare programmes with a view to introducing mid-stream corrections after taking stock of the experiences gained by the States and Union Territories. After detailed deliberations, the Council *inter-alia* adopted a number of resolutions for effective implementation of on-going programmes, enforcing appropriate regulatory measures for private nursing homes and improving the quality of medical education and the health infrastructure. In the light of these recommendations appropriate action is to be initiated by all concerned.

To augment the resources for the health sector a number of new initiatives have been taken up like availing of external resources for various disease control programmes and strengthening of selected States Health Systems.

Sale of Kidney

1356. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that police have recently located a gang of kidney sellers; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to eliminate this immoral trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

Development of Ports by Private Sector

1357. SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ports developed by the private entrepreneurs in and around coastal areas in the country during the last three years and during the current year;

(b) whether it is a fact that such privately developed ports are not getting sufficient cargo; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) Private Ports are being developed by maritime State Governments. The Central Govt. has not developed any Private Port.

Widening of NHs into Four Lanes

1358. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the policy/criteria laid down for selection of National Highways to be widened into four lanes;

(b) the details of National Highways widened and proposed to be widened into four lanes during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97, State-wise; and

(c) the total amount earmarked for the purpose, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) As per existing policy four laning of any two lane section of National Highway is considered when traffic exceeds 15000 Passenger Car Units per day.

(b) Details are as under:-

Year	State	Length taken up for widening
1994-95	Gujarat	7 kms
	Punjab	6 kms
	Total	13 kms
1995-96	Haryana	2 kms
	Bihar	42 kms
	Orissa	6 kms
	Total	50 kms
1996-97	Gujarat	16 kms
	Haryana	71 kms
	Rajasthan	55 kms
	A.P.	23 kms
	West Bengal	41 kms
	Total	206 kms

(c) The funds are allocated State-wise as a whole and not project-wise. However, the Statement giving details of funds allocated State-wise for development of National Highways including four laning during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 is attached.

Statement

Funds Allocated for Development of National Highways Including 4-Laning

Sl. No.	Name of State	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4590.50	4010.00	3700.00
2.	Bihar	1875.00	1750.00	1500.00
3.	Gujarat	5650.00	4398.00	2800.00
4.	Haryana	5160.00	5535.00	7900.00
5.	Orissa	3390.00	3304.00	5510.00
6.	Punjab	3500.00	5860.00	5800.00
7.	Rajasthan	4350.00	6070.00	4200.00
8.	West Bengal	3987.00	3810.00	3410.00

Kandla Port Scheme

1359. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the tenders invited for Eighth, Ninth and Tenth cargo berths in the extension of Kandla Port Scheme have been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when the construction work is likely to be started along with the expenditure involved therein;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the tenders are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (d) Contract for 8th General Cargo Berth has been awarded to M/s. Asia Foundations and Constructions Limited amounting to Rs. 40.98 Crores. Tenders for 9th & 10th General Cargo Berths have been issued by Kandla Port Trust. The price bids have been received. Kandla Port Trust has requested the parties to submit their financing plan.

Functioning of N.Vs

1360. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure being incurred on the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in a Financial year and the total expenditure incurred during the last three years;